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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Canceled)
 2. (Canceled)
 3. (Canceled)
 4. (Currently amended) A bag according to claim [[1]] 15, in which the tear element is coated with a peel seal material.
 5. (Currently amended) A bag according to claim [[1]] 15, in which the tear element comprises a strip, tape or string.
 6. (Canceled)
 7. (Canceled)
 8. (Canceled)
 9. (Canceled)
 10. (Canceled)
 11. (Canceled)
 12. (Canceled)
 13. (Canceled)
 14. (Canceled)
 15. (Currently amended) A reclosable bag having a reclosable zipper and a top seal which is openable to gain access to the zipper, the bag having an elongate tear element

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attached to the zipper by a peel-seal material, the elongate tear element ~~extends~~ extending through the top seal to protrude from the top of the bag and ~~[[which]]~~ so that it can be grasped and pulled to open the top seal and enable access to be gained to the reclosable zipper.